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FOR SMITHSONIAN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR KENNEDY SCHMERTZ AND

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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP-MR. PHILIP T. LOVERDE UNDER GRANT

FR4-60114 STUDIES OF THE MOLLUSCAN GENUS BULINUS

REF: STATE 205175

1. PHILIP LOVERDE, RESEARCHER FOR SUBJECT GRANT HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF HARDSHIP CREATED BY FACT THAT NO PROVISION WAS MADE IN RESEARCH GRANT FOR UNUSUALLY LARGE SIZE OF SCHOOLING COSTS FOR HIS TWO CHILDREN. BOTH MUST ATTEND CAIRO AMERICAN COLLEGE DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER SCHOOLS IN CAIRO WHICH PROVIDE FULL ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION.

2. LOVERDE IS PERHAPS THE FIRST PERMANENTLY STATIONED RE-SEARCHER WHICH WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED. SUBJECT OF EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN PROVING TO BE MORALE PROBLEM FOR HIM AND FAMILY WE BELIEVE THAT GRANT SHOULD BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE EQUIVALENT OF 1,856 DOLLARS IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS REPRESENTING THE COST OF TU-ITION FOR HIS ONE SCHOOL-AGE CHILD AT CAC FOR 1974/75 AND RE-QUEST \$3,712 BE ADDED TO THE GRANT FOR 1975/76 SCHOOL YEAR WHEN HIS YOUNGER CHILD WILL REACH SCHOOL AGE. FUNDS WOULD BE DISBURSED DIRECTLY TO CAC BY EMBASSY.

3. LOVERDE HAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT GRANT BUDGET DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR RETURN SHIPMENT OF HIS HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. HE

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ASKS THAT SMITHSONIAN INTERNATIONAL BE PREPARED TO AMEND GRANT

AT END OF STAY TO INCLUDE THESE CHARGES.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT TREND TOWARD STATIONING RESEARCHERS HERE IN CAIRO WILL CONTINUE AS GRANT PROGRAM BECOMES MORE ACTIVE. THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE SCI ALERTING INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS IN THE VARIOUS AGENCIES TO SCHOOLING PROBELM AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY MAKE ALLOWANCES IN GRANTS FOR SUCH EXPENSES.

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